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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 390
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A RESOLUTION to honor Special Agent David Davenport of
Dandridge, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
Agent of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through
their endeavors are credits to their professions; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Special Agent David Davenport of
Dandridge, who was recently selected as the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Agent of the
Year; and

WHEREAS, described by TBI Director Larry Wallace as “the finest in his profession,”
Special Agent Davenport has had a meritorious 32-year career in law enforcement, 20 years of
which he spent with the TBI; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure with the TBI, Agent Davenport has helped to
place 11 very serious offenders on death row and has utilized his incredible talents in more than
350 death investigations; and

WHEREAS, TBI Deputy Director Robert Reeves characterizes this distinguished veteran
as a “tenacious and dedicated investigator who often works to the sacrifice of his personal life”;
in 1997 alone, Agent Davenport’s cases yielded seven life sentences for guilty defendants; and

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WHEREAS, Agent Davenport embarked on a life as an investigator unintentionally; he became interested in the crime-solving process as a member of the military police during his tour of duty with the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, upon his honorable discharge from the military, Mr. Davenport joined the Tennessee Highway Patrol; his talent for investigative work was soon recognized and he transferred to the TBI, where he was later assigned to the East Tennessee region with Cocke and Sevier counties as his primary areas of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport's abilities were evident from his very first assignment; throughout his career, Agent Davenport's superiors have assigned him to some of our state's most difficult, high profile cases; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the TBI, Agent Davenport still finds time to devote himself to a number of worthy causes and organizations; he is a 32nd Degree Mason and a highly regarded member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars groups; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport is also a devout member of First United Methodist Church of Dandridge, where he serves ably as president of the men's group; and

WHEREAS, throughout all of his endeavors, Mr. Davenport has exemplified the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Davenport is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Denise; the Davenports have been blessed with four loving children and are the proud grandparents of one granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend David Davenport for his numerous contributions to the criminal justice system and the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Special Agent David Davenport of Dandridge for his

years of meritorious service to the TBI and our great state, and we congratulate him on being named TBI Agent of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Davenport with this final clause omitted from such copy.